



Relative Doses from Radiation Sources

Millirem Doses

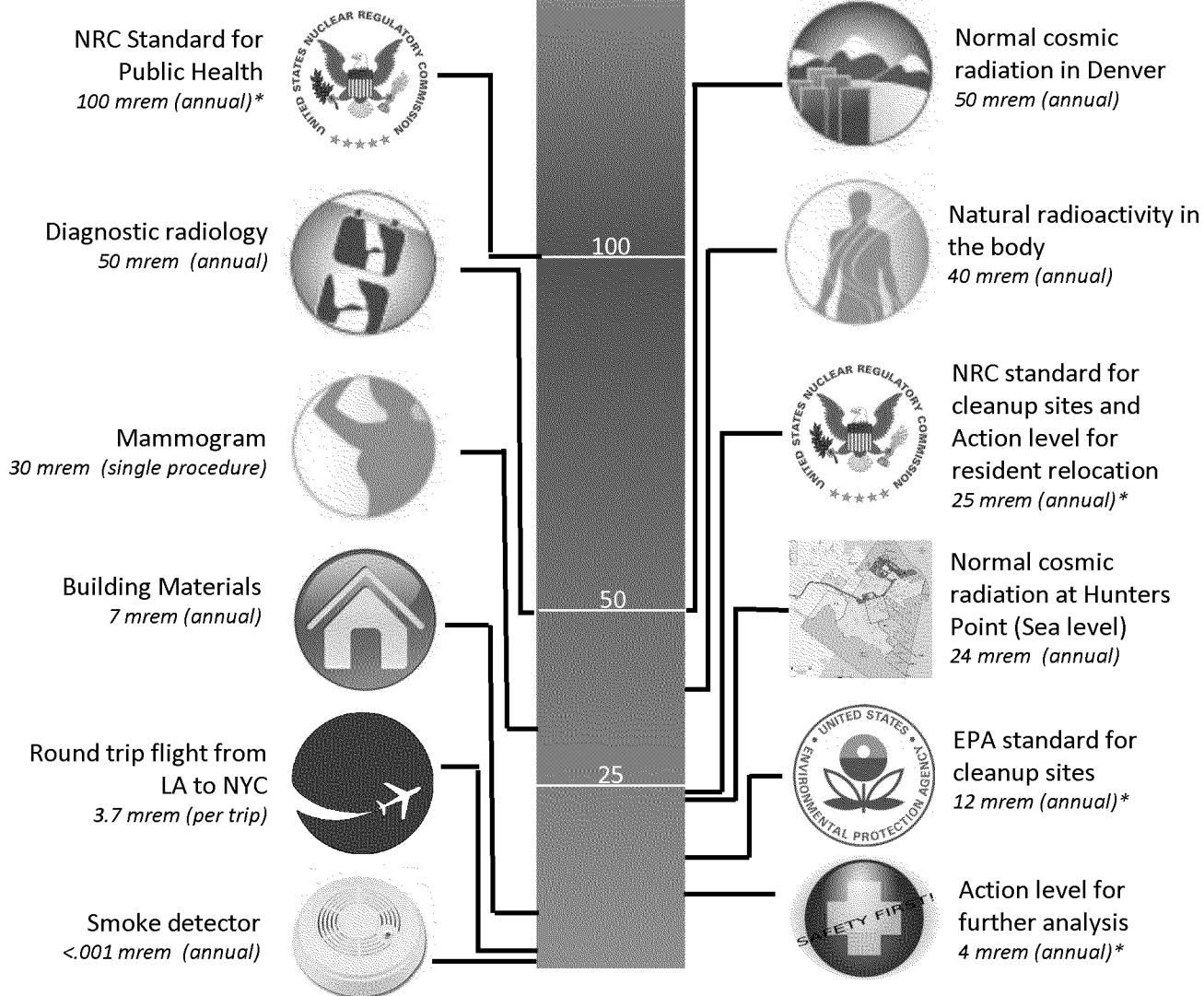
Rem is the dosage for the biological effects of ionizing radiation for humans. Rem is a standard measure of radiation. The millirem (mrem), which is one-thousandth of a rem, is a measure often used to approximate dosages commonly encountered, such as those depicted below.

*Indicates dose level above background

People in the United States receive an average of 624 millirems (mrem) of radiation per year from man-made and natural background radiation sources (NCRP 160).

Known Carcinogens

While not shown here, radiation from smoking and overexposure to the sun have been proven to have health risks.



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